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When should social workers separate families?

By STEVE LeBLANC
Associated Press
BOSTON (AP) — When child welfare workers and police knocked on Sarah Perkins' and Joshua Sabey's front door well past midnight one weekend last summer, the parents were shocked to learn the state of Massachusetts had come to take their two young sons. It's the kind of harrowing scene that plays out daily across the country as social workers motivated by a desire to protect children run up against confused and concerned parents. What followed was emotional anguish, a bureaucratic battle, vindication for the parents and a lawsuit filed earlier this month by a legal advocacy group. The couple hopes for a favorable ruling that will increase oversight of child removals nationwide. The children were taken in Massachusetts because of a child abuse report stemming from a hospital visit. On July 13, 2022, Perkins whisked their 3-month-old son Cal to an emergency room. He had a 103-degree fever.



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An X-ray checking for pneumonia found a rib fracture the couple hadn't noticed. After speaking with the boy's grandmother, they learned the injury may have happened weeks earlier as she removed Cal from a car seat. He slipped, and she caught him with one arm.

Citing the fracture, hospital officials reported potential abuse to the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families.

"It was such a roller coaster — this total terror that we're going to lose this child at the hospital and then complete relief after we're allowed to go home with a safety plan," Perkins said.

They returned to their Waltham, Massachusetts, home. DCF social workers made a surprise visit and found no evidence of abuse, according to the lawsuit.

Days later, around 1 a.m. on July 16, DCF workers and police officers knocked at their door to take both sons away. They didn't have a warrant or a court order, neither of which are required to remove a child in Massachusetts and other states.

"It was intense. We see that these police officers are armed. We're asking for paperwork and there's none to be had," Perkins said. "Eventually we were told that either we hand over the kids or they're going to break down our door and take them by force." Within 24 hours, Sabey's parents were allowed to act as foster parents. Four weeks later DCF let Sabey and Perkins take their children home, and after another three months and eventually about \$50,000 in private attorney fees, the government restored full parental custody. A short time later the couple moved to Idaho.

The couple's lawsuit alleges constitutional violations including the unreasonable search of their house, the unreasonable seizure of their children and the deprivation of parental rights



Sarah Perkins holds her 1-year-old son, Cal Sabey, at a relative's home in Centennial, Colo., Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

without due process.

"What's really frightening is that it happens a lot. What was unique was our ability to hire an attorney," Sabey said.

The couple are plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed by the Pacific Legal Foundation, a non-profit focused on parental rights and other issues. It asks for compensatory and punitive damages.

It's also part of a legal strategy to set precedent nationwide "confirming the importance of parental rights and clarifying the need to include a neutral judge in child removal decisions unless there is an emergency situation involving a risk of imminent harm to a child," said Glenn Roper, a lawyer for the foundation.

The lawsuit names individual social workers, police officers and the City of Waltham, not the DCF. That's in part because state agencies effectively can't be sued in federal court for damages, according to Joshua Thompson, Pacific's director of legal operations. Perkins and Joshua Sabey say they feel responsible to pursue the lawsuit because many other parents can't pay private attorney fees.

Joyce McMillan wasn't so fortunate.

She relied on a public defender 23 years ago when her two children were removed after a drug test turned up positive for what the New York resident described as an illicit substance. McMillan said she had a job, a home, and was providing for her children. "A drug test is not a parenting test," she said. McMillan said she fell into a depression and became homeless before getting her children back more than two years later. She's currently executive director of the nonprofit JMAC-forFamilies. The group advocates for dismantling the child welfare system, which it calls "the family policing system."

Welfare agencies should be required to advise families that they have a right to an attorney and typically don't have to let them speak to their children or enter their home without a court order, McMillan said. If she had deeper pockets at the time, "absolutely there would have been a different outcome," she said.

A representative from the

City of Waltham had no comment on the Massachusetts case.

The DCF also declined to comment. DCF policy allows the removal of a child without a court order when needed to avoid "a substantial risk of death, serious emotional or physical injury or sexual abuse" and when there's "inadequate time to seek" one, but it must immediately file an affidavit. Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, a Democrat, declined to comment on the lawsuit. She said her administration "is committed to making sure we do everything we can for the health and well-being of children and families."

There are efforts to restrict the authority of child welfare agencies.

A bill before Massachusetts lawmakers would require child welfare workers get judicial approval within four hours of removing a child, according to bill sponsor Democratic state Rep. Joan Meschino. It would also make it easier for workers to contact judges outside of regular court hours, including overnight and on weekends.

An estimated 3 million chil-

dren came under the scrutiny of child welfare agencies in the 2021 fiscal year. Nearly 600,000 were victims of mistreatment, according to a report by the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

An estimated 1,820 children died from mistreatment during that same period.

The report found that 76% were victims of neglect while 16% were physically abused, and 10% were sexually abused.

The child welfare system can be particularly risky for Black and indigenous families, according to Dorothy Roberts, professor of African studies, law and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania.

"The main reason why families get investigated is accusations of child neglect, which is basically defined as not meeting the needs of children like sufficient clothing or housing or child care," she said. "It's basically a definition of poverty."

Instead of removing children, the government could help parents meet their needs, she argued.

Roberts pointed to a 2017 study that estimates more than one-third of all U.S. children will be the subject of a child abuse or neglect report before they turn 18, an estimate that jumps to more than half for Black children.

But social workers aren't out to get children; they're trying to protect them, said Yvonne Chase, president-elect of the National Association of Social Workers.

When a hospital, school, neighbor or older child reports mistreatment, social workers apply a risk assessment to determine how agencies should respond, she said.

"The child protective agency doesn't create the reports of harm. Somebody calls us," said Chase, a former head of child protective agencies in Alaska and Washington. "If a child is being seriously abused, they may be very happy to see that some relief is coming." □

U.S. safety agency to require automatic emergency braking on new vehicles and set tougher standards

By **TOM KRISHER**
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government's auto safety agency plans to require that all new passenger cars and light trucks include potentially life-saving automatic emergency braking and meet stricter safety standards within three years.

Wednesday's announcement by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration represents the agency's latest move toward regulating electronic systems that take on certain tasks that drivers themselves have normally done. NHTSA has been reluctant in the past to impose such regulations, saying the technology will change during the time it takes to enact new rules.

Ann Carlson, the safety agency's chief counsel, says 90% of new passenger vehicles already include the braking technology under a voluntary program that automakers have approved.

But she says NHTSA wants to make the braking systems more effective at higher speeds and better at avoiding pedestrians, especially at night.

The regulation proposed by NHTSA will require, for example, that the systems allow vehicles to fully avoid other vehicles at up to 50



2024 Accord sedans are displayed at a Honda dealership Friday, April 14, 2023, in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

miles per hour if a driver should fail to react. If a driver brakes some but not enough to stop a collision, the system would have to avoid hitting another vehicle at up to 62 mph.

"With this proposal, we could change a high-speed crash from a deadly one to a lower-speed crash with minor injuries or just property damage," Carlson said. The regulations will undergo a 60-day public comment period before NHTSA will decide on a final version. The agency says the technology will dramatically reduce rear-end crashes, saving what it estimates would be at least 360 lives per year. It also will cut injuries by at least

24,000 annually, according to NHTSA's estimates, and reduce property damage from rear crashes.

The Transportation Department, which includes NHTSA, called the proposal an important step in the broader goal of reducing roadway deaths.

Though the number of people killed on U.S. roadways declined slightly last year, the agency said the 42,795 who died still represented a national crisis. Traffic deaths did slow slightly in the fourth quarter of last year, the third straight quarterly drop. But the pace was still close to 2021 numbers, the highest in 16 years.

With Wednesday's announcement, NHTSA is re-

sponding to rules approved by Congress in 2021 to require automakers to equip new passenger vehicles with automatic braking and other technology. Automatic emergency braking can detect objects in the way and stop or slow a vehicle, thereby preventing a crash or making it less severe. Carlson said the new rule will require braking systems to spot pedestrians in the dark to potentially save the lives of walkers and cyclists. Pedestrian deaths, she said, are up 53% nationwide in the past decade, and roughly two-thirds of them occur when someone is struck by the front of a passenger vehicle. Carlson said all cars

would be required to stop and avoid hitting a pedestrian at up to 37 mph.

Officials said many systems that automakers are installing will have to be improved to make them more effective in darkness. William Wallace, associate director of safety policy for Consumer Reports, said he welcomed NHTSA's proposal as strong and justified.

"NHTSA is setting a high bar for safety, and using the tools at its disposal to get the auto industry to protect as many people as possible," he said.

It may take more than camera-based systems for automakers to meet NHTSA's standards, especially at night or in inclement weather, Wallace said. Still, he said, many of the changes the agency wants can be achieved through software updates.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, an industry trade group, said in a statement Wednesday that it was still evaluating NHTSA's proposal.

NHTSA's new regulations will eventually supplant a 2016 voluntary agreement between the agency and 20 automakers to make automatic emergency braking standard on 95% of passenger vehicles by the end of the 2023 model year. But there were no standards specified in that agreement. □

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Mike Pence to launch campaign for president in Iowa June 7

By **JILL COLVIN**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Vice President Mike Pence will officially launch his widely expected campaign for the Republican nomination for president in Iowa next week, adding another candidate to the growing GOP field and putting him in direct competition with his former boss.

Pence will hold a kickoff event in Des Moines on June 7, the date of his 64th birthday, according to two

people familiar with his plans who spoke on condition of anonymity to share details ahead of the official announcement. He'll also release a video message as part of the launch.

His team sees early-voting Iowa as critical to his potential path to victory and advisers say he plans to campaign aggressively for the state's conservative, Evangelical Christian voters. The campaign is expected to lean heavily on town halls and retail

stops aimed at showcasing Pence's personality as he tries to emerge from former President Donald Trump's shadow.

The week will be a busy one for GOP announcements. Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is planning to launch his campaign Tuesday evening at a town hall event in New Hampshire and North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum will announce on June 7 in Fargo. □



Former Vice President Mike Pence speaks to local residents during a meet and greet, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Associated Press

Police in Atlanta arrest 3 behind bail fund supporting protests against police training complex

By **JEFF AMY and KATE BRUMBACK**
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Police on Wednesday arrested three key Atlanta organizers who have been aiding protesters against the city's proposed police and fire training center, striking at the structure that supports the fight against what opponents derisively call "Cop City."

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation announced its agents and Atlanta police had arrested three officers of the group that runs the Atlanta Solidarity Fund, which has bailed out protesters and helped them find lawyers.

Charged with money laundering and charity fraud are Marlon Scott Kautz, 39, of Atlanta; Savannah D. Patterson, 30, of Savannah; and Adele MacLean, 42, of Atlanta.

State investigators said they found evidence linking all three to the alleged financial crimes after executing warrants Wednesday morning at a house



This house in Atlanta's Edgewood neighborhood is where police arrested three key organizers who have been aiding protesters against the city's proposed public safety training center on May 31, 2023.

Associated Press

owned by Kautz and MacLean that is emblazoned with anti-police graffiti in an otherwise gentrified neighborhood east of downtown Atlanta.

The Associated Press wasn't immediately able to obtain copies of arrest warrants or locate lawyers for

the three. Kautz and MacLean did not respond to calls and texts.

Prosecutors said the three would likely make their initial appearances before a judge on Thursday.

MacLean, Kautz and Patterson are respectively the CEO, chief financial officer

and secretary of the Network for Strong Communities, which was incorporated in 2020 and runs the Atlanta Solidarity Fund.

Lauren Regan, executive director of the Civil Liberties Defense Center, called the arrests an "extreme provocation" in a statement.

"Bailing out protestors who exercise their constitutionally protected rights is simply not a crime," Regan said. "In fact, it is a historically grounded tradition in the very same social and political movements that the city of Atlanta prides itself on. Someone had to bail out civil rights activists in the 60's. I think we can all agree that community support isn't a crime."

More than 40 people have been charged with domestic terrorism in connection with protests over the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center, a cause that has garnered international attention since authorities clearing the protesters' camp in South River Forest fatally shot an environmental activist in January.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating. Kautz himself predicted in a February statement that investigators are trying to build a criminal case against protesters using Georgia's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations law. □

Census Bureau again delays release of most detailed data from 2020 census

By **MIKE SCHNEIDER**
Associated Press

The U.S. Census Bureau said Wednesday that it would once again delay the release, and narrow the scope, of some of the most detailed data from the 2020 census this time until

next year. Detailed numbers dealing with household types such as if the household is a family broken down by race and ethnicity, and whether homes are owned or rented, won't be released until September 2024, more than four

years after the data's collection in the once-a-decade head count of every U.S. resident, the Census Bureau said. Also being delayed is the release of numbers on household and family sizes. This data set will also be much more limited than anticipated. It will only be released for the entire United States and individual U.S. states because a controversial new privacy method implemented by the Census Bureau couldn't guarantee individuals wouldn't be identified at smaller geographies.

"It is a pretty severe delay and cutback in granularity," demographer Steven Ruggles, who directs the world's largest population database at the University of Minnesota and has been

critical of the new privacy method, said in an email. "What a mess!"

The delays complicate planning for government budget-makers, city planners and researchers, since the detailed data are used for estimating future growth, locating schools or firehouses, and additional research.

The data sets' release were first postponed two years ago because of delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and implementing the new privacy method, which adds intentional errors to data to obscure individuals' identity. The errors are most noticeable at the smallest geographies, such as census blocks with fewer than 1,000 residents. The data sets "are very im-

portant products for people and organizations interested in very specific segments of the population, especially when it comes to representation, allocating resources and providing services," said Jan Vink, a demographer at Cornell University. But some of the detailed data sets are hard to produce within the new privacy method's framework, he said.

So far, the Census Bureau has released data from the 2020 census in three rounds. Those include state population figures, used to determine how many congressional seats a state gets; redistricting numbers, used to draw political districts; and last week's release of demographic and housing data. □



Rows of homes in suburban Salt Lake City are pictured on April 13, 2019.

Associated Press

China responds to U.S. complaint over plane intercept with demand for end to surveillance flights

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing responded Wednesday to complaints from the United States about a Chinese fighter jet's dangerous interception of an American Air Force reconnaissance aircraft in international airspace over the South China Sea by demanding an end to such flights.

The incident adds to military, diplomatic and economic tensions between the countries over U.S. support for self-governing Taiwan, China's refusal to engage in dialogue between their armed forces and Beijing's flying of a suspected spy balloon over the U.S.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told reporters at a daily briefing that China would keep taking measures it deems necessary to safeguard its sovereignty. "The U.S. should immediately stop these dangerous provocations," Mao said. The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command called the Chinese plane's actions an "unnecessarily aggressive maneuver," adding to complaints that China's military has become significantly more aggressive over the past five years, intercepting U.S.



In this image from video provided by the U.S. Navy, a Chinese J-16 fighter flies aggressively close to a U.S. RC-135 aircraft flying in international airspace over the South China Sea on Friday, May 26, 2023.

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aircraft and ships in the region. China says it owns the South China Sea virtually in its entirety, a claim not recognized internationally and directly challenged by nations along its coast including the Philippines, Vietnam and Malaysia.

In a statement Tuesday, the U.S. military said the pilot of the Chinese J-16 fighter jet flew directly in front of the nose of the RC-135 conducting routine operations in international airspace

last Friday. Military-to-military contacts between the sides have all but evaporated in recent years amid a historic decline in governmental relations, even as trade and personal exchanges remain strong. Further dampening prospects for a reduction in tensions, China said its defense chief will not meet with U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin when the two men attend a security conference in Singapore over the

weekend.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Wednesday that the plane incident showed why it is vital for the U.S. and China to maintain dialogue at a senior level in order to prevent miscommunication and avoid miscalculations that could lead to conflict. He said it was "regrettable" that Beijing had rejected Austin's request for a meeting with the Chinese defense minister. □

U.S., Europe working on voluntary AI code of conduct as calls grow for regulation



Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President for A Europe Fit for the Digital Age and Competition, left, shakes hands with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken during a stakeholder event, in connection to the Trade and Technology Council (TTC) meeting between Europe and the United States, in Lulea, Sweden, Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The United States and Europe are drawing up a voluntary code of conduct for artificial intelligence, a top Eu-

ropean Union official said Wednesday, as the developing technology triggers warnings about the risks it poses to humanity and

growing calls for regulation. The voluntary code would bridge the gap while the 27-nation EU works on groundbreaking AI rules that won't take effect for up to three years, European Commission Vice President Margrethe Vestager said at a meeting of the EU-U.S. Trade and Technology Council, which is jointly led by American and European officials.

"We need accountable artificial intelligence. Generative AI is a complete game changer," Vestager said, adding that a draft of the code was expected within weeks.

She said officials will seek feedback from industry players, invite parties

to sign up and promised "very, very soon a final proposal for industry to commit to voluntarily," she said at a press conference after the council's meeting in Sweden. The council has "an important role to play in helping establish voluntary codes of conduct that would be open to all like-minded countries," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said. The breathtaking rise of generative AI systems such as ChatGPT has dazzled users with their capability to mimic human responses while stirring fears about the risks they pose, setting off a global debate about how to design guardrails for the technology. □

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Ex-UN head Ban calls for more pressure on Myanmar's leaders

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Former U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Wednesday that he was communicating with authorities in military-run Myanmar as well as members of the armed resistance following a surprise visit to the country last month, and called for more diplomatic pressure on the ruling generals to end the violence. Ban did not specify the nature of those communications and declined to disclose the details of his conversations with military leaders during their April meetings. He was speaking at a Seoul news conference along with other members of The Elders, a group of senior statesmen engaging in peacemaking and human rights initiatives around the world.

"I am in close contact with all those people to do as much as we can do to help them democratize Myanmar," Ban said.

He said he was still communicating with Myanmar authorities, the president of Indonesia who holds the rotating chair of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Myanmar's National



Former U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks during a news conference in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

Associated Press

Unity Government, which is leading an underground civilian administration following the military takeover in 2021 that toppled the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

In his meetings with Myanmar's military ruler, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, and other top officials, Ban urged them to take the initiative in resolving the country's violent political

crisis and release political detainees. He also called for the military leaders to implement a peace plan proposed by ASEAN, of which Myanmar is a member, and a separate United Nations resolution to stop the violence between the military and pro-democracy resistance forces.

Ban's visit came at the invitation of Myanmar's military government. He

has remained tight-lipped about what the military leaders said to him during the meetings. The military government has consistently rejected outside calls for negotiations as an infringement on Myanmar's sovereignty, and labeled the pro-democracy opposition as terrorists.

At the news conference, Ban said he told the military leaders in April that he

"could never accept" their attempts to "avoid the argument," but didn't elaborate on their conversations. Some experts expressed skepticism about Ban's initiative, citing the lack of progress in previous peacemaking attempts.

Nay Phone Latt, spokesperson of the National Unity Government, told The Associated Press following Ban's visit that international leaders should know their hands will be stained with blood when they shake hands with the leader of the "terrorist army," referring to Ban's meeting with Min Aung Hlaing.

When asked whether he would pursue further visits to Myanmar on behalf of The Elders, including possible meetings or contacts with the opposition NUG, Ban replied: "Whatever is necessary."

As the U.N. secretary-general, Ban went to Myanmar to press the country's then-ruling generals to let foreign aid and experts reach survivors of Cyclone Nargis in 2008, which killed an estimated 134,000 people. He urged the military to embrace democracy as well. He also attended a peace conference in Naypyitaw. □

Auschwitz museum criticizes use of death camp in political ad

By VANESSA GERA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP)

— The Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial museum has denounced a political spot by Poland's ruling party that uses the theme of the Nazi German extermination

camp to discourage participation in an upcoming anti-government march.

The state-run museum attacked "instrumentalization of the tragedy" of the 1.1 million people who were murdered at the site during World War II, arguing that it

is an insult to their memory. "It is a sad, painful and unacceptable manifestation of the moral and intellectual corruption of the public debate," the state museum said.

The 14-second video published Wednesday by the Law and Justice party shows images of the former death camp, including the notorious "Arbeit Macht Frei" gate, and the words: "Do you really want to walk under this slogan?"

The reference is to a now-deleted tweet from journalist Tomasz Lis, who claimed that President Andrzej Duda and ruling party leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski deserve to go to prison. He published the tweet amid a heated debate over a law passed by the party

lawmakers and signed by Duda that is viewed by the U.S., the European Union and many Polish critics as anti-democratic.

"There will be a chamber for Duda and Kaczor," the tweet said, using a nickname for Kaczynski.

He used the Polish word "komora," which can be simply a dark cell or chamber but which many in Poland associate with the gas chambers used by Germans in mass murder during the war.

Lis has since deleted the tweet and apologized.

"It is obvious that I was thinking of a cell, but I should have foreseen that people of ill will would adopt an absurd interpretation. I hope that Mr. Duda and Mr. Kaczynski will pay for their

crimes against democracy, but on a human level I wish them health and long life," Lis said. "I never wished death on anyone."

President Duda weighed in with a tweet that implied criticism of the party that supports him.

"The memory of the victims of German crimes in Auschwitz is sacred and inviolable; the tragedy of millions of victims cannot be used in political struggle; this is an unworthy act," he said.

The purported aim of the new law is to create a commission to investigate Russian influences in Poland. But critics fear that it will be misused ahead of fall elections to target opponents, in particular opposition leader Donald Tusk. □

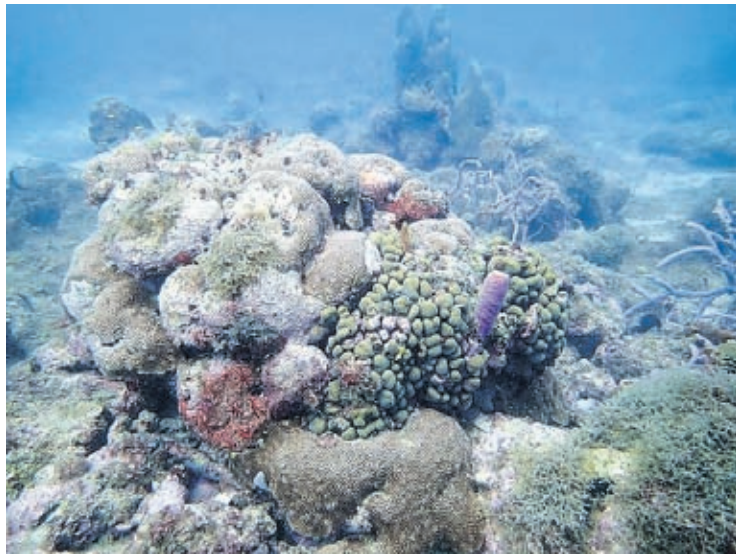


People visit the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland, on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019.

Associated Press

Aruba's Bocas: home to the rarest fossil reefs on the planet!

(Oranjestad)—If you've been to the northern coast of Aruba already, you've probably noticed how the ground differs entirely from the sandy beaches on the southern part of the island. These hard surfaces, with sharp bumps and holes are actually fossilized coral reefs, of which its growth and changes can be traced back to the last glacial period.



On May 30 2023, geoscientists, Dr. Patrick Boyden from the Marum research faculty at the University of Bremen, Prof. dr. Alessio Rovere from the Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Prof. dr. Gianfranco Scicchitano, from the University of Bari Aldo Moro, presented their research on these fossilized coral reefs at the University of Aruba. Their focus for their research included studying the health and formation patterns of

these coral reefs, and to investigate how these reefs have responded and can respond to fluctuating sea levels or extreme weather, like hurricanes and tsunamis.

Through underwater and land surveillance, and 3D models of the reefs, they were able to narrow down when these formations started to take place. They were also able to track the

fluctuation of sea levels during the past hundred or even thousands of years, and the effects that this fluctuation has had on the coral reefs of the windward side of Aruba.

These findings can certainly put things into perspective. The ground on which we have walked many times on the northern part of the island hold such rich history,

history that dates back to a time that most of us cannot even imagine. As the scientists themselves have pointed out, these fossilized reefs on the windward side are truly an incredible and rare remnant of geological history, as they provide a clear view of how these reefs have formed.

This research is also important for the future of coral reefs on the island.

By studying rising sea levels and climate impact on these coral reefs, we are able to take concrete action in protecting and preserve our coral reefs. So, if you are ever visiting one of the bocas or driving along the northern part of the island, please be conscious to help protect our natural historical remnant. Oh, and wear (coral-friendly) sunscreen! ☐

Enjoy one of the best views on Aruba at the top of the Hooiberg Hill



(Oranjestad)—If you are a regular hiker, or maybe want to spice up your morning work out session, then you might enjoy one of the most popular climbing sites on the island: The Hooiberg Hill. Accompanied with a 600-step staircase, this hill overlooks a great part of the island, the Caribbean sea, and sometimes even the Santa Anna mountain located in the coastal state of Falcon in Venezuela, providing one of the best views you can get on Aruba.

located at the center district of the island, Santa Cruz, the Hooiberg Hill is the second highest point on the island at 165 meters above sea level (or about 540 feet above sea level). The highest point is Jamanota Hill at 189 meters (620 feet), located in the Arikok National Park.

The staircase that run on the side of the hill was first built in 1951, when Mr. Eduardo Tromp constructed it. At that time, the staircase consisted of 900 steps. Over time, as the steps faced erosion, the government decided to renovate

these stairs in 1991. This new project delivered the newer staircase with only 587 steps. However, don't be fooled—it may still be a work out to get on top. In addition, there is now a gazebo placed halfway up the stair for a little rest. The view at this resting stop is also a sight to see.

The best time to climb the hill would be early in the morning or right before sunset, as it may not be as hot. However, the hill is of course open all day, every day. ☐

After four decades with the Playa Linda Beach Resort Ingrid Todd meets a milestone anniversary with characteristic vibrancy



PALM BEACH - Ingrid Todd easily represents what is best about the Playa Linda Beach Resort. She possesses the ability to always surprise you and is downright amazing. On June 1st, she marks an impressive 40 years on the job, having started out as a room-keeper, moving through milestones as supervisor and on to assistant executive housekeeper, and now, for the last ten years, fulfilling the key role of executive housekeeper.

Over the span of her long career, she has worked with eight different general managers and has seen the Playa Linda grow in both size and appeal, meeting each transition with seeming ease, armed with a powerful amount of patience, flexibility and skill as well as an ever-present smile.

Equal parts caring colleague and highly effective manager, her impact and what she has accomplished during her four decades at the Playa Linda Beach Resort is undeniable. Playa Linda often receives rave reviews with specific mention of the Resort's remarkable level of cleanliness and of outstanding service by housekeepers and the Housekeeping Department. In simultaneously meeting guests' high standards and in providing the essential support to all the Resort's housekeepers, she attributes each success to teamwork, within her department and with fellow senior staff members as well as Board. "I am thankful for every day on the job and for the people with whom I work. I am especially proud of my team. Within the Housekeeping Department we have a lot of employees who have more than 20 years of experience."

As executive housekeeper, Ingrid leads Playa Linda's largest and most



diverse department, and has earned the well-deserved respect and affection of fellow staff members and colleagues.

"Ingrid embodies dedication, and you can always count on for her knowledge and expertise," remarks Operations Director Sulaika Kelly. "She is truly a Playa Linda ambassador."

Playa Linda General Manager Peter van Grinsven describes Ingrid as a role model. "She is part of the reason the Playa Linda is so popular. She has been invaluable in maintaining the resort's ISO-14001 certification, and helping us exceed our members' and guests' expectations," he comments. "She has been there for every step it took to bring the Playa Linda to where it is today, as one of the most desirable places to stay in Aruba."

Among the many accolades Ingrid can expect in marking her work anniversary, she can also look forward to sharing these moments with family members. As well as being a successful professional and an important part of the Playa Linda family, Ingrid is the matriarch of her own family as mother to four daughters. She is also a loving grandmother to six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Ingrid looks back on her 40 years at the Playa Linda with fondness, expressing love for colleagues as well as Resort guests. **"I am happy and grateful, beyond words. It has been a long road and time passes quickly, but it has been a wonderful journey. Working at the Playa Linda has brought many wonderful people into my life, and the resort has become my own beloved 'home away from home'."** □



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Costa Linda hosted the annual Memorial Day Ceremony



On May 29, 2023 took place at the beach in front of the Beach at Costa Linda beach resort the annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

In April 2023 we got the sad news that Mrs Maureen Nadal who has been hosting the memorial day ceremony for some years now after the passing of her veteran husband Mr. Robert Nadal who started with this ceremony in 2002. In the presence of the picture of her beloved mother Nicole Nadal hosted the ceremony this year. Bravely she read the poem for this ceremony and along with a veteran placed the wreath in the ocean.

The "DETAIL" consists of veterans from WWII, the KOREAN WAR, the VIETNAM WAR, the COLD WAR and the WAR ON TERROR. Veterans of any nationality are invited to join the "DETAIL". We have endeavored to keep the ceremony simple and solemn with the intention of perpetuating the memory of those women and men who died in the service of their country.

After the ceremony everybody present enjoyed sweet donuts and refreshments. Costa Linda is happy to have hosted this ceremony this year again which is getting bigger every year. □





Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Tara Podvojsky and her friends**, who have all come to Aruba to celebrate her 50th birthday and to experience the beauty, people, & culture that she loves so much. Here they are at Tara's new favorite restaurant, Papiamentol Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

This segment is sponsored by Alhambra Casino and Shops.







Visit the island's popular cave sites!



(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadirikiri cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

Quadirikiri Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadirikiri Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadirikiri cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to lock her up in the Quadirikiri Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadirikiri cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their stubbornness, they both died in the Quadirikiri Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian

drawing on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadirikiri Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Arawak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual ceremonies.

The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Awarak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy, and don't forget to bring a flashlight! □

Create museum memories

ORANJESTAD — Museums are an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.

Museum of Industry Aruba

The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations.

The Museum of Industry is

situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruba Museum Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly



Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.

In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

The museum is open daily from 9:30 am till 4:30 pm. For more information check out the Facebook page Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba. □



Can I have a ..., please?



ORANJESTAD — Want to taste something different for a change?? How about a different breakfast from what you are used to at your hotel. Hop in your car, drive around and anywhere around the island you will come across a local snack shop.

Here you will find all types of snacks loved by the



locals. Try a pastechi, a Caribbean pastry filled with cheese or meat and fried up deliciously. Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, a crusty little meat ball.

A dedito is also a good option, it's a stick made out of cheese or hotdog. If you want to try something more familiar go for a homemade



hamburger or a ham and cheese toast, but with a local touch. All these snacks are ridiculously addictive. Freshen up with a delicious fruit shake (batido) made out of watermelon, strawberry, banana, papaya or just mix any fruit together. What makes these little snack shops more attractive is the warmth of its people and with the smile you are being served. □

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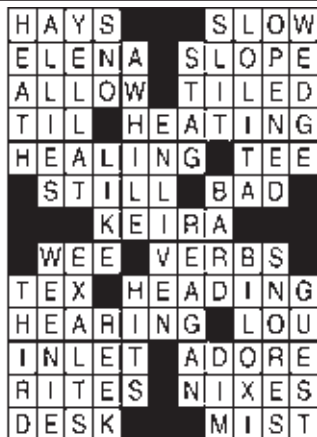
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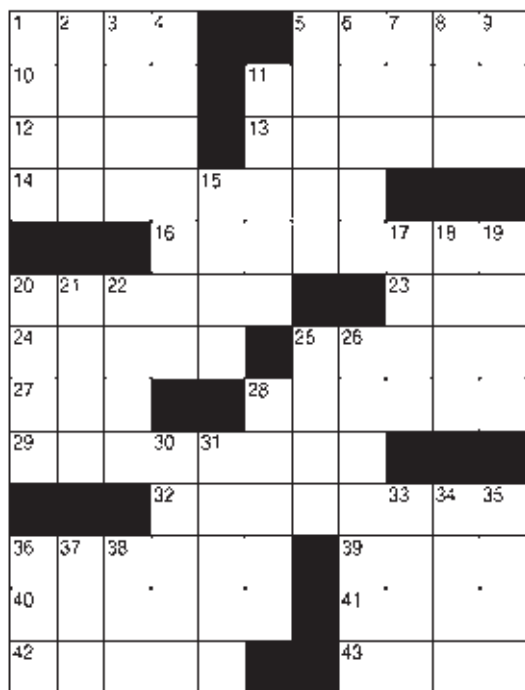
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

6-1 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERYTHING YOU'RE SURE IS RIGHT CAN BE WRONG IN ANOTHER PLACE. — BARBARA KINGSOLVER



A tassel with 2023 on it rests on a graduation cap as students walk in a procession for Howard University's commencement in Washington, Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Associated Press

Master business skills without paying for an MBA

By TREIA BRANCH of NerdWallet

Lindsay Mack earned her bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in 2005. Nearly 15 years later, when she considered the best way to grow her business acumen, an MBA was not it. Mack, who is from Philadelphia, grew her career without an MBA. When ready to advance her skills in platform strategy, she opted for a faster, lower-cost cohort program instead. For students like Mack, the cost of a top MBA averaging \$225,605 in the U.S., according to a 2022 report by BusinessBecause, an online publisher of graduate business content is daunting, and the value is questionable. "I didn't see how making such a significant investment (in an MBA) would really leapfrog me to the next level," says Mack, now Comcast's executive director of product management.

Cost isn't the only barrier to attaining a graduate business degree. BusinessBecause reports that the average acceptance rate for the most competitive U.S. business schools is 16%, based on its analysis of data from U.S. News & World Report and other sources.

If you want access to business school education without the price of tuition or hassle of admissions, you have other options.

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Consider a graduate business certification. A certification offered by accredited colleges and universities differs from an MBA degree primarily in how long it takes to complete the program. Business certifications typically require about 12 to 15 class credits, while a master's degree requires at least 30 credits, says Karen Rinehart, assistant dean of graduate programs at Marquette University Graduate School of Management in Milwaukee. Because you're taking fewer credits compared to an MBA, you can expect to pay much less. For example — based on the 2022-23 academic year — tuition for a graduate certificate in strategic management from Harvard Extension School, a Harvard Division of Continuing Education, is \$15,500. A Harvard MBA costs \$73,440 in tuition, not including fees. □

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This image released by Lincoln Center Theater shows Jordan Donica as Sir Lancelot in a scene from a Lincoln Center Theater revival of the classic musical "Camelot" in New York.

Associated Press

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Jordan Donica was about 9 or 10, his aunt took him to New York City with a mission: Get the notion of making it on Broadway out of his system. Thankfully, that mission failed spectacularly.

"It was raining and I was dancing through the streets of Times Square, loving every second of it. My aunt had to tell me to slow down," he recalls, now happily a New Yorker. "The thing that I love the most is here, at its height — the core where everything explodes out from."

With determination and talent, Donica still hasn't slowed down, earning his first Tony Award nomination for playing the hunky, gallant knight Sir Lancelot in a gorgeous Lincoln Center Theater revival of the clas-

sic musical "Camelot."

"I'm just thankful and it just makes me want to do the work even more. Really. That was the first thought I had was, 'I'm excited to get back to work,'" he says. Donica's story is of a man with a huge voice who moved a lot in his youth but always had Broadway as his North Star. He would tell friends as early as middle school that he knew what he was going to do with his life. His first email address had the words "Broadway Bound" in it.

A 2016 graduate of Otterbein University, Donica sharpened his craft in regional theater, playing Jesus in "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Weathervane Playhouse in Ohio and was in the ensemble in "South Pacific" at the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

He made his Broadway debut in 2016 as Raoul in "The

Jordan Donica, Tony Award nominee for 'Camelot,' is Broadway's rising star

Phantom of the Opera," coming full-circle. He had been in the audience as a kid during that New York visit, mesmerized by the skill of the Phantom. "I was like, 'I need to learn how to use my voice the way that man is using his voice.' And I set out to do that."

Donica has had roles on TV's "Charmed" and "Blue Bloods" and also starred as Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson in the Los Angeles and San Francisco companies of the musical "Hamilton." He originated the role of Freddy Eynsford-Hill in the 2018 Lincoln Center Theater revival of "My Fair Lady."

In the lavish, sweeping "Camelot," he plays a virtuous if egotistical knight who is in a love triangle with King Arthur and Guenevere. The story has been updated by Aaron Sorkin to focus on the dream of democracy, but the songs by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe remain. Tony-winning director Bartlett Sher hired Donica for both "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot," roles that required the actor to be ardent and sweet in the first and a brash, sword-catching hunk in the second.

"You have a wonderful artist on your hands who's capable of immersing themselves in a part and in a world and delivering very different things in both cases," says Sher. "There's that kind of connection in his body, relationship to his voice, deep intelligence

and endless creativity that makes him so special."

Donica in "Camelot" first appears on stage almost like a righteous angel singing "C'est Moi" with the lyrics "Here I stand as pure as a prayer/Incredibly clean with virtue to spare" but ends the musical very human, what he describes as a sobering and yet fun journey.

"Camelot, to me, is America. And we have to fight every day to tell the stories of what freedom is and what America is. Because if we don't speak about it and put it into existence, it doesn't actually exist," he says.

The role is vocally and physically demanding. He gained 15 pounds beforehand, anticipating he'd sweat much of it away. He recently visited his physical therapist, who instantly knew Donica had lost weight because the settings on the table didn't fit him anymore.

Born in Minnesota, Donica spent his first birthday in Chicago, then moved to Tennessee for eight years and then on to Indiana. He would watch Kidz Bop and TV commercials with singing kids Oscar Mayer hot dogs and Welch's juice ads and wonder if that was a path. "I remember being a little kid and just like seeing the kids on those commercials and turning to my mom being like, 'I could do that. Why don't I do that?'" he says. "I don't think she

really thought I was being that serious. But, in my mind, I was very serious."

He joined a community theater in Indianapolis and attended theater camp, where there was once a team-building trust fall activity and Donica was the only one willing to commit and fall backward into a stranger's arms.

"I remember the teacher going like, 'You're going to do well in this because you trust,'" he recalls. "Theater world is a safe place. I've been taught to trust, meaning you're going to be put in a dangerous situation."

The trip to New York was a test for a boy who loved wide-open fields and wasn't fond of crowds. His mom didn't want to dissuade him, just wanted to make sure he really wanted it. Now she's been invited to see him at the Tony Awards.

On June 11, he faces-off for best performance by an actor in a featured role in a musical against Kevin Cahoon and Alex Newell of "Shucked," Justin Coolsey from "Kimberly Akimbo" and Kevin Del Aguila of "Some Like It Hot."

Donica, who used to watch old Tony ceremonies on YouTube, still can't comprehend he'll be attending. "I don't think I still really believe it because I never really set out to win a Tony Award or anything like that. All I ever dreamed about as a kid was performing at the Tonys." □

At 83, Al Pacino is expecting a baby

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Pacino, 83, and 29-year-old Noor Alfalah are expecting a baby, the actor's representative confirmed Wednesday.

Pacino's publicist, Stan Rosenfield, verified the news first published by TMZ, but said there would be no statement at this time. The baby would be Pacino's fourth child.

He has a 33-year-old

daughter, Julie Marie, with acting coach Jan Tarrant and 22-year-old twins Anton and Olivia with actor Beverly D'Angelo.

Pacino and Alfalah reportedly began dating last year. She describes herself as a "raconteur" on her Instagram page and her IMDb page notes that she's a producer on two movies currently in post-production, including the Pacino-

starrer "Billy Knight."

Pacino's baby news follows close on the heels of longtime friend and fellow actor Robert De Niro's own.

A representative for the 79-year-old actor confirmed earlier this month that De Niro had become a father for the seventh time, but few other details including the identity of the mother were released. □



Al Pacino, winner of the Hollywood supporting actor award for "The Irishman," poses backstage at the 23rd annual Hollywood Film Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Nov. 3, 2019.

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Aaron Rodgers' tweaked calf is 'fine'; Jets hope QB will fully practice Friday

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)

— Aaron Rodgers could be back fully practicing with the New York Jets on Friday after straining his right calf last week.

The 39-year-old quarterback, acquired last month from Green Bay, was injured while participating in conditioning drills last Tuesday. Rodgers downplayed the injury at the time but hasn't been a full participant in practice since.

"He's fine," coach Robert Saleh said Wednesday. "He's just doing a bunch of rehab."

Saleh added the team hopes Rodgers will fully participate by Friday or next week at the latest.

"I still argue that he's still a young man, the way he takes care of his body," Saleh said. "His body is not his age."

Rodgers wore a sleeve on his calf throughout the practice and was limited, as Saleh said he would. He began the session riding a stationary bike and threw some passes on the side including a few tight-spi-



New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers (8) gestures while watching teammates run drills during NFL football practice at the team's training facility in Florham Park, N.J., Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Associated Press

raled tosses of more than 40 yards but was otherwise mainly a spectator.

He often chatted with the other quarterbacks, including Zach Wilson, who has been working with the starting offense. Rodgers also took aside some receivers after one drill to offer some pointers. "I've been around

some really good quarterbacks," said left tackle Duane Brown, entering his 16th NFL season. "Just the command he has with everything, it's different."

Rodgers will frequently point things out in meetings and quiz teammates to make sure they understand the nuances of the

offense, which is being installed by coordinator Nathaniel Hackett who was in the same role in Green Bay during the last two of the quarterback's four NFL MVP awards in 2020 and 2021. "You feel that sense of calm, but you also know you've got to be on your stuff because he expects

you to be in this spot because you know he's going to get you the ball if you're in the right place," second-year running back Breece Hall said.

Rodgers has also provided value to the Jets' defense, which once had to face him but now has the benefit of learning from him.

"His impact on this team, especially these younger players, is going to be felt for the remainder of all their careers," defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich said. "To see a guy, not just the talent that he has, but the preparation and the process. ... Yeah, he's going to change the course of these young players' careers forever."

New York acquired Rodgers, the No. 15 overall pick and a fifth-rounder in this year's draft from Green Bay on April 26. In exchange, the Packers got the 13th overall selection, a second-rounder, a sixth-rounder and a conditional 2024 second-round pick that could become a first-rounder if Rodgers plays 65% of New York's plays this season. □

Rogers, Marisnick lead Tigers over Rangers 3-2

By DAVE HOGG
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Jake Rogers hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the sixth inning and Jake Marisnick followed with a run-scoring single in his Tigers debut, leading Detroit over the Texas Rangers 3-2 Wednesday.

Texas took two of three and has won six straight road series for the first time. The Rangers went 18-9 in May and their 35-20 record is the team's best 55-game start. Marcus Semien extended his hitting streak to 20 games with a double in the third.

With the score 1-1, Nick Maton and Tyler Nevin started the sixth with singles off

Dane Dunning (4-1). Zack Short reached on a bunt single against Jonathan Hernández, loading the bases. and Rogers' sacrifice fly put Detroit ahead. Marisnick, acquired from the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday, singled for a 3-1 lead.

Nathaniel Lowe cut the deficit with an RBI single in the seventh against Chasen Shreve. Jason Foley struck out Adolis García, ending the inning and stranded a runner on third in the eighth when Will Smith hit an inning-ending groundout.

Will Vest (2-0) retired five straight batters. Alex Lange worked around Semien's one-out walk in a hitless

ninth for his 10th save in 11 chances. Dunning (4-1) allowed three runs and seven hits in five-plus innings.

Texas went 3 for 10 with runners in scoring position and stranded 10 runners.

Detroit went ahead in the third when, with runners at the corners and one out, Javier Báez hit a potential double-play chopper to third baseman Josh Jung, but Semien's relay to first sailed high.

Jung extended his hitting streak to 14 games in the fourth, moving within two of Elvis Andrus' Texas rookie record, and scored on Jonah Heim's single. Semien stranded the bases loaded with a popout.



Detroit Tigers catcher Jake Rogers and relief pitcher Alex Lange meet after the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, in Detroit. Associated Press

TRAINER'S ROOM

Tigers: OF Riley Greene was put on the 10-day injured list with a stress fracture of his left fibula. Marisnick's contract was selected from Triple-A Toledo. Greene leads the team in batting average (.296), hits (60)

and runs (29). Greene is expected to be out until at least July.

UP NEXT

Rangers: RHP Jon Gray (5-1, 2.81) is scheduled to start Friday against visiting Seattle and RHP Luis Castillo (4-2, 2.69). □

Stearns beats 2017 French Open champ Jelena Ostapenko

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Like many a kid, Peyton Stearns enjoyed participating in sports and tried her hand at plenty.

"Soccer, gymnastics, basketball, tennis, whatever," the 21-year-old American said Wednesday at the French Open after eliminating 2017 champion Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 to reach the third round at a Grand Slam tournament for the first time.

Then Stearns paused, before adding with a chuckle: "Well, not so much tennis."

By her own admission, she came to tennis relatively late for someone who would end up at its highest level, starting private lessons at age 8.

It wasn't until about three



Peyton Stearns returns the ball during her ATX Open tennis match against Mirjam Bjorklund at the Westwood Country Club in Austin, Texas, Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Associated Press

or four years later, the 2022 NCAA champion for the University of Texas explained, that she decided to focus on holding a racket.

"Gymnastics was very structured. I didn't like that so much. I liked to do what I want when I wanted," said Stearns, who had never played in the French Open's main draw until this week and next faces No. 9 seed Daria Kasatkina, a 2022 semifinalist.

"I chose tennis because I loved that you can just hit the living daylights out of the ball.

"So that's what she does, and did quite effectively against the 17th-seeded Ostapenko, outhitting a big hitter Stearns compiled more winners, 30-29 and leaving the field at Roland Garros with just one remaining woman who has won the title there: No. 1 Iga Swiatek, the champion in 2020 and 2022, who plays her second-round match Thursday.

Barbora Krejickova, the 2021 winner, lost in the first round.

"Sometimes I surprise myself with how lethal my ball comes off (the racket) sometimes for my opponents, and how it really puts them in trouble," Stearns said.

"Maybe I didn't realize that earlier on, but playing against top players, I realize that it is true. It comes off pretty heavy and big and that's how I play. Definitely helps with confidence."

Her victory over Ostapenko can be placed alongside a slew of other early upsets in Paris, where the sometimes-odd bounces of the red clay and the changing weather conditions can contribute to unexpected outcomes.

No. 5 seed Caroline Garcia of France was defeated by Anna Blinkova 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, and 18 of 32 seeded women already were gone before the second round was finished. In the men's bracket, No. 2 seed Daniil Medvedev bowed out Tuesday against a qualifier ranked 127nd. □



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